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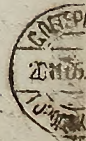
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40 Longridge Rd SW Nov 29 1906  
Thursday

My dear Mummer.

I have been trying to find time to write to you for some days passed - My days are all cut up in the most unsatisfactory way just now & I accomplish nothing worthy, for my employees, or myself - the latter of course the most important loss.

To day Mrs Tennant is out & has left me nothing to do, so I steal her paper to write to you.

Now I want to tell you of a report that comes via Mrs Beringer <sup>not to me</sup> of what is being said about you in St Petersburg - you may think it doesn't matter, to me it seems most important. At first <sup>16 days ago</sup> I was in a blazing rage & began a letter to you & then thought I had better calm down first. Mrs. writes "I fear that the Parlovs are awfully poor ..... They live in one room ..... Anna has tried to get up a subscription for them through the Consul, but has I believe failed, and the English Colony here are very indignant at being asked to subscribe towards the studies of a girl just arrived here & of whom they know <sup>nothing</sup>.



Now how this strikes me is - that it is not fair on Joss.  
& I see no reason why this report should not reach him.  
It wd be awful for him to think that after he had provided Karmleen with the amount she had asked for she then posed as "needy" - I feel that Auer must be told that you have <sup>quite</sup> enough & that you live in one room for choice & not necessity - you must ask him to put matters straight to the Consul or better still go to Mrs. Keringer, tell her that Auer has not been asked to "pass the hat round" for you, nor do you wish or need that it should be - Of course the fact of your living in one room is enough to make any English person think that the next step <sup>will be</sup> to the workhouse & as you know I have strongly resented your doing so - but <sup>might</sup> it do nothing to me - In fact this whole protest springs as you ought to know out of extreme & if you like touchy care for what may ever be said of Karmleen. I have such a frantic horror of romances being weaved round her, or her even being accused of graballness - Can't you imagine it - "They were <sup>at all appearances</sup> starving, living in one tiny room in St. Petersburg, when Auer got together a subscription amongst the English, when all the time they had had hundreds given them by Joss & Co." Oh & miles of such stuff - Well I am getting into another fury. Another thing which perhaps sounds ungenerous - but why.



should ever asked for money for her studies - which indirectly means his pocket - He need only give her graduation lessons & Viola - the whole thing is done.

You see, there is Mrs Knowlton Johnson in the back ground, a perfect sieve (I mean a round thing with holes, but I can't spell it) to repeat everything that comes from St Petersburg. Are you anxious about ways & means? I don't think that you need be - your £200 will take you on to May won't it? with little oddments you glean together you will have enough to bring you back. Do you hear that Anna is contemplating an ~~extension~~<sup>excursion</sup> tour soon after Christmas? I gathered that Edith Beringer had said something about such a rumour. Anyhow - I do beg of you, for old sake's sake not to allow begging around before you are sure that I can't get what you want without publishing it abroad. Now Anna made any definite suggestion as to what next, I mean in the Spring, for Kathleen -

I must stop or this will miss the Post. I got the Kidlip letter on Tuesday, the morning after I had posted to her. I will write Sunday or Monday to her. My love to you both - but perhaps you won't say anything about this letter to her - Yrs Brooke -



